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A NEW MEETING DAY

Its now the 1st Thursday of the month. We are not high on the priority list of organizations using the Equitable Bank facilities. As of the beginning of the year we were shifted from our normal 1st Wed of the month to the 1st Tues. We are now being shifted to the 1st Thurs of each month starting in September. Mark it on your calendars as this time they guaranteed it until the end of 1994.

COMMITMENT--WHAT IT TAKES

A good plan is worth 1000 restarts. With the limited space available on the 2068, one must plan carefully as one doesn't have 8 meg of space to play with, only 39826 bytes. A lot of that space will be used for graphic display data. Right off the top we can forget about animation as it takes way too much space.

Role playing and War Strategy games require a world map. A real world has no edges to fall off of. As Columbus said, "Sailing far enough West will get you coming home East." In the gaming world, make believe worlds can be flat without what is called "wrap around". In space adventure worlds, where designers are more atuned to the real universe, worlds generally wrap in both directions. Going West enters you on the East and going too far North brings you back on the map in the South. This isn't actually the situation on a spherical surface but a close enough representation. This simple wrapping eliminates the edges and corner safer havens one wishes to avoid in war simulation games.

If climatic conditions are going to apply to your wrap around world, you have to have a special 180 degree latitude shift wrap at the poles to bring you back on the map from the north rather than jump to the bottom of the map which would be the south pole. Plotting true maps on a flat surface would present headaches of a major kind. A perfectly square map also has too much area at the poles. Making it rectangular doesn't help. This is why Greenland looks bigger

than Australia on Mercater projection maps.

How big a map you need depends upon your objective and how much memory can afford. In Conquest, I needed space for a Master map and since each player discovers the world as he explores it, an additional map space for each of the 3 players. Thats 4 maps. At 6812 bytes/screen we would rapidly run out of memory so we must use character mapping. For a 64 by 64 map that amounts to 4096 bytes/map or 16384 for the 4 necessary. We also need space for a city list and still more space for units. With 63 cities and 350 units at 7 bytes/(city or unit) or almost 3k more. It took a lot of thinking to come up with what all had to be stored for each unit--what type it is, who owns it, where it is located in coordinates, what is its condition, any orders it may have received, if on board a transport or in a city, has it finished its turn? and if a transport, how many units it has on board and if its loading--that is more than 7 numbers so things had to be crunched. The cities required ownership, coordinates, production amount of time remaining for production, and flightpath coordinate for fighters.

What was to go into the game was mostly decided before the writing of the code was ever begun. Huge blocks of space were already allocated of which about 12k was reserved for the code itself. This is a bit more code than the average game as a good 4K chunk was to go for the map generator. The actual code was written in sections of 1. Map generator 2. City verification 3. Automap making 4. Unit generation 5. Unit move 6. Bookkeeping 7. Combat 8. Computer AI combat.

Too many game designers start out with ambitious plans when starting to write a game but because of poor planning find themselves starting over too many times, lose interest and quit. It is best to write everything down as one has a tendency to forget important bits and pieces. Of course, the first game is the hardest. Many of the techniques carry over from one game to the next. All that you have seen this

far in Smug Bytes can be used over and over again with only minor revisions. The same applies to world wrapping routine of this issue.

How much time does it take to develop a game? More than the average person thinks or even wants to commit to. I was once asked, "How much time do you spend on a computer each week?" The truthful answer is up to 40 hours a week when going full bore. Then slacking off to nothing at times. One burns out and has to recharge the batteries as they say. And at times its sheer drive to finish a project as well. Since I have also written several books for the 2068, I will truthfully say that each book took about 2000 hours and so did Conquest.

Of course many hands make light work so that if 2 or more get together several times a week (It has to be more than once a week!) to test code they have written when not together with each person handling a separate area, it can come together quite rapidly. Modern 3rd or 4th generation games are a lot more complex than their ancestors and the amount of time required goes up in proportion so it becomes imperative that you have a team to do it in a reasonable number of months. One can also help the other with tough code problems. And of course you can bounce the nitty gritty details off of someone. Commercial games are written by teams of workers working on them as a full time job (Most programs today are written in C so that they can be transported to other machines.) on a 40 to 56 hour per week situation. Generally one of the people on the team is the idea person who dreams up the details of what to include in the story line. For role playing games one needs a graphic artist to design monsters (and their animation where space permits) with a lot more detail than the 2 color 8x8 pixels of the 2068 and another to design background or scenery with flowing water and waterfalls. Some have music writers as well for that background music. One also must decide on top down graphics or side view graphics. I have a strong preference for side view graphics in dungeons. One has to allow for a new view each

time one changes directions but it is a lot more realistic. Having characters talk to villages etc. requires lots of memory as one has to store all the words of each conversation somewhere. An interactive talk where you type in a key word which the character then keys off of for an answer is even more energy intensive. Its not that they are so hard to do but that they take memory. Someday you may be writing for a machine with a lot of memory.

Of course each routine is added in modular sequential order so that it can be immediately tested to make sure it does what its supposed to. Many times the first effort doesn't do it so more complex items are added to make it work. Sometimes it gets so ungainly that it is just best to throw it out and start over. (Don't just toss it in the waste basket, but use it as a thinking plan for the next one.) With games, its not surprising if you have as many pages of discarded code as code you use. There would be no way to test 12K or even 2 or 3K of code for errors all at one time as you wouldn't know what to watch for or what was doing the lockup if you got one. Its little steps one at a time that linked together make for the complex routine. Most programmers forget the first lesson of programming --break down that complex routine to simple sections one can handle. Do the simple basics and then add the bells and whistles. Its one complete routine after another that make up a thing so complex you don't know how it got that way. Of course that is what computers are good at--helping us keep organized in ever more complex situations.

Commitment. Like everything worthwhile achieving, it takes a lot of it to do something grand. If one thinks its worth the effort, its amazing how much can be achieved. Sometimes it feels even better sharing it with others. But then again, commitment is an old fashioned concept that nobody believes in anymore. It was also called good old fashioned American ingenuity for which the US of A was known for. It amazed the rest of the world. But somehow somewhere we lost it. We better find it again--and fast.

2068 Code Bytes--#4
by Lloyd Dreger

Although this routine is used in a game it can be used anywhere a menu is desired. Like the previous routines in this set, much use is made of the Basic routines already in ROM--if we have to waste 16K of memory we might as well take advantage of it.

This is a general menu routine that is called with the following registers set:

B=# of items in menu

C=What column to run the cursor from. The printing will start one column beyond that. Sorry but each menu starts at the top of the screen at line 0. At least you can have left, middle and right menus if you need submenus.

DE= address of menu names -1. (What each line will say.) Menu items must be consecutive in this list and must not be so long as run onto a 2nd line of screen. The last letter of each line must have bit 7 set as a flag to indicate the end--see how this is used in PX. PN and PM also use PX but are not used to print the menu.

PrintMENU prints the menu and calls MoveCURSOR which runs the menu by moving the cursor up and down and automatically recycling when at the top or bottom.

SetTV sets the screen to top screen while GetTV returns the screen to the previous setting.

GETINPut is a general input routine that works for both keyboard and joystick.

The routines can be located anywhere. In CONQUEST its located at 60148 and that address is used for the present code.

TV EQU 23612 (A FLAG IN BASIC VARIABLES)
TVF EQU 52359 (SAVE SPACE IN GAME VARIABLE TABLE)
60148 58,60,92 STV LD A,(TV)
60151 50,135,204 LD (TVF),A
60154 203,135 RES 0,A FORCE
UPPER SCREEN

60156 50,60,92 ST LD (TV),A
60159 201 RET
60160 58,60,92 STV LD A,(TV)
60163 50,135,204 LD (TVF),A
60166 203,139 SET 0,A FORCE
LOWER SCREEN
60168 24,242 JR ST

60170 58,135,204 GTV LD A,(TVF)
60173 50,60,92 LD (TV),A
60176 201 RET

60177 to 60184 is another short routine not used here

60185 50,94,235 FMENU LD (LINE),A
60188 205,244,234 CALL STV
60191 120 LD A,B
60192 50,93,235 LD (JFLAG),A
60195 197 PUSH BC
60196 213 PP PUSH DE
60197 197 PUSH BC
60198 62,22 LD A,22 DO AN AT
60200 215 RST 16
60201 58,92,235 LD A,(JFLAG)
60204 71 LD B,A
60205 58,94,235 LD A,(LINE)
60208 128 ADD A,B
60209 193 POP BC
60210 144 SUB B
60211 197 PUSH BC
60212 215 RST 16
60213 193 POP BC
60214 121 LD A,C
60215 197 PUSH BC
60216 215 RST 16
60217 193 POP BC
60218 209 POP DE
60219 197 PUSH BC
60220 205,80,235 CALL PX
60223 193 POP BC
60224 16,226 DJNZ PP
60226 193 POP BC
60227 205,96,235 CALL MCUR
60230 24,194 JR GTV END OF
ROUTINE

60232 205,32,248 PN CALL FINDM+3
60235 24,3 JR PX
60237 205,29,248 PM CALL FINDM
60240 19 PX INC DE
60241 26 LD A,(DE)
60242 203,191 RES 7,A
60244 213 PUSH DE
60245 215 RST 16
60246 209 POP DE
60247 26 LD A,(DE)
60248 203,127 BIT 7,A
60250 40,242 JR Z,PX
60252 201 RET

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60253 0      JFLAG  DEFB 0
60254 0      LINE  DEFB 0
60255 1      COL   DEFB 1
60256 121    MCUR  LD A,C
60257 61      DEC A
60258 50,85,235 LD (COL),A
60261 72      LD C,B
60262 13      DEC C
60263 175     XOR A
60264 71      LD B,A
60265 58,94,235 LD A,(LINE)
60268 50,93,235 LD (JFLAG),A
60271 197     ERASE  PUSH BC
60272 62,22   LD A,22  DO AN AT
WITH JFLAG AND COL
60274 215     RST 16
60275 58,92,235 LD A,(JFLAG)
60278 215     RST 16
60279 58,95,235 LD A,(COL)
60282 215     RST 16
60283 62,32   LD A, BLANK  PRINT
A SPACE
60285 215     RST 16
60286 62,22   LD A,22  NOW DO AN
AT WITH LINE+B AND COL
60288 215     RST 16
60289 193     POP BC
60290 58,94,235 LD A,(LINE)
60293 128     ADD A,B
60294 50,93,235 LD (JFLAG),A
60297 197     PUSH BC
60298 215     RST 16
60299 58,95,235 LD A,(COL)
60302 215     RST 16
60303 62,62   LD A,">"
60305 215     RST 16  CURSUR
REPRINTED
60306 193     POP BC
60307 205,184,235 CJ CALL GETINF THIS
ROUTINE WAITS FOR AN INPUT WHICH IS
RETURNED IN A. WE WILL ONLY BE
INTERESTED IN THE JOYSTICK UP DOWN AND
BUTTON COMMANDS.
60310 203,79  BIT 1,A
60312 40,11   JR Z, UPA
60314 121     LD A,C
60315 184     CP B
60316 40,3    JR Z,UP1
60318 4        INC B
60319 24,206  JR ERASE
60321 6,0     UP1  LD B,0
60323 24,202  JR ERASE
60325 203,71  UPX  BIT 0,A
60327 40,10   JR Z,BUT
60329 175     XOR A
60330 184     CP B
60331 40,3    JR Z,DW1
60333 5        DEC B
60334 24,191  JR ERASE

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60336 65      DW1   LD B,C
60337 24,188  JR ERASE
60339 203,127 BUT  BIT 7,A
60341 40,220  JR Z,CJ
60343 201     RET    ONLY RETURN
IF BUTTON IS PRESSED. YOUR RETURN NOW
MUST TAKE THE VALUE OF B WHICH GIVES
THE LINE NUMBER (STARTING WITH 0) AND
EXECUTE THE COMMAND RELATED TO THAT
SELECTED MENU ITEM.

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THIS INPUT ROUTINE DEPENDS UPON THE BASIC RST 56 NOT BEING DISABLED SO THE KEYBOARD CAN BE DECIPHERED. SEE THE DISCUSSION IN CODE BYTES #1.

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60344 175     GETINF XOR A
60345 50,8,92 LD (LASTK),A  RESET
LASTK TO GET RID OF ANY OLD INPUT
60348 118     HALT  DEBOUNCE
60349 118     HALT
60350 118     JL   HALT
60351 62,14   LD A,14  CHECK
JOYSTICK FIRST
60353 211,245 OUT (245),A
60355 62,3    LD A,3   CHECK BOTH
JOYSTICKS
60357 219,246 IN A,(246)
60359 238,255 XOR 255 INPUT IS
ACTIVE LOW. WE WANT ACTIVE HIGH SO
INVERT.
60361 32,7    JR Z,JM  FOUND NO
JOYSTICK INPUT SO CHECK KEYBOARD.
60363 58,8,92 LD A,(LASTK)
60366 254,0   CP 0
60368 40,236  JR Z,JL  FOUND
NOTHING SO CHECK AGAIN.
60370 201     RET

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THIS INPUT ROUTINE IS VERY FAST. IF YOU WANT MORE WAITING ADD MORE HALTS.

If each of your menu items is a jump to another routine without the need for a return, you can make a table of all the starting addresses and then do this bit of code which is much shorter than all the compares and jump rel.:

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LD HL, TABLE-2
INC B      (B may be zero)
XYZ INC HL
INC HL
DJNZ XYZ
JP (HL)

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TABLE...addr of first item.

If you need to return to the menu for all routines, (which is not the case if you want to return to BASIC) you can push the return address on the stack and leave it there.

Of Mice and Men

New scientific disciplines and endeavors have a big advantage over well established ones in that there are no set guidelines for how anything is done or accomplished. The encrustation of age come later.

For example, back in the dawn of the computing era when programs were hand wired as were memories, the byte was only 3 bits long and counting in octal was in vogue. But a byte couldn't hold enough numbers for a decade so a 4th bit was added creating hexadecimal counting with the very original? use of the letters A through F to represent the notations of the tenth to fifteenth digits. This new 4 bit byte was called the "nybble". Special commands were added to handle decimal notation in the CPU. Soon two nybbles were added to create the 8 bit byte so that it could hold both a high and a low decimal number. Assembly languages were unheard of and one didn't waste memory storing the program. Logic gates were separate devices.

It didn't take very long for the byte to evolve this far. Everything was in a state of flux. Everything was growing rapidly with new ideas coming thick and fast. Things were really moving. Machines were proliferating all over the place, each with its own protocols. A person could speak his thoughts and someone would listen. Or one could write an article and get it published.

But how much has the byte evolved since? None at all. The idea was frozen for all time. So also were a lot of other things. Computing hardware was "getting set in its ways". Nowhere along the way did a committee meet and say, "This is the best way to do things so let's make it a standard." as was the wont of electrical engineers. But it didn't take long. Just a decade or two. If one tried changes now or even spoke of

them one would be the "voice of one crying in the wilderness." Right or wrong, protocols and standards have a tendency to stop experimentation and prevent further evolution.

Some of this is necessary to bring sense to the helter skelter, everyone on his own, or worse. "Our captive customers will do it this way just so its NOT compatible with company Z's product." In a certain sense it was the leader of the pack setting the standards which everyone tried to copy that brought us the "clones". But when the leader went her (now days everything is feminine gender!) own way to try to captivate customers, nobody followed.

The computer industry is typical of the rest of science in general only on a compressed time scale. Whereas Physics or Chemistry would take a century or two to evolve to a particular point, computing did it in 1/3rd the time. The sifting and winnowing is much faster. It is now the time of the genetists.

To get papers published in a prestigious scientific journal requires "peer review". First, to even get up for review you have to be somebody of note or come from an institution of note. Being a professor or worse, a student from a 2nd or 3rd rate college won't even get your paper up for review. Once in for review it had better be quite close to the thinking of the people reviewing it--your peers, if it is going to pass muster. Generally, it doesn't make it without a few revisions. If its too far out of line it will be rejected outright unless you have a guardian sponsor guiding it through and backing you all the way on the review committee. Thus, our present method of publication has a strong tendency to continue the status quo (mice, oft times blind) and stifle new ideas (men).

New, radical ideas in an establishe

field most times get published by younger professionals in obscure journals that the mainstream of the industry or profession never read. As such, great ideas get buried only to be discovered decades and sometimes a century later (some of the stuff in mathematics has been around that long before getting re-discovered and finally put to use). Some of the fault of this is in the rashness of the young men doing the writing. A less radical approach with moderation would have won the day. So there is something to say about the temperance and wisdom? of age. Let's just say that the present method of publication doesn't promote new ideas as well as it should.

One branch of science in particular seems to have produced a fossil--namely astronomy. The Big Bang theory has been around since the '20s and has been patched and repatched so often and still is so full of holes (unexplained facts) it resembles a teenagers favorite jeans (books have been written on what is all wrong with the theory!). Its only saving grace is the explanation of the "red shift" of starlight. To some astronomers this has turned into the "Doppler Red Shift Law". A scientific law means that it has been proven beyond any shadow of doubt. Most science today is just in the "theory" stage...one or two big steps removed from being a law.

The main endeavor today is the search for the Theory of Everything--one grand set of equations that explains the entire cosmos from 10^{-40} to 10^{40} meters, past, present and future--essentially combining the Unified theory of quantum mechanics (still missing gravity and still hunting for missing quarks, gluons and the elusive gravitron) with the Big Bang. Then for all practical purposes Physics will be a completed science. Once again, as in the 1880's Physics will be lamenting its demise.

I find this attempt quite premature. We are a far ways away from being able to write the final equations of a theory of everything especially when one considers the language we have to write this theory in (mathematics) is still clumsy and very incomplete. (Over 90% of the differential equations have no solutions!) The string theories of mathematics still must be worked out. Theoretists sometimes have to invent their own mathematics just like Newton (fluxions of calculus) and Einstein (statistical calculus). Or, if you are religious. "Who do you think you are, God?" After all, this theory will explain creation and Armegeddon (not the battle but the end of the universe)!

But then on the other hand the easiest office that one can set up would be one for theoretical work. All you need is a room and a personal computer with a word processor. After all, you don't have to "prove" anything--just write.

Want proof? Take "black holes"--stars with infinite density. They are black because not even light can escape. Well, infinite density means zero occupied space which means no radius and infers that it has no spin momentum. One big gigantic black hole is responsible for the start of the Big Bang in the first place. BUT, these holes can radiate energy! Whoops, I thought black holes were so strong in gravity that not even light can escape. Well, energy means light, be it in the ultra-violet, visible, infra-red, heat waves or radio waves. Its all light and its all quantized. Tiny black holes are so hot that they can radiate away energy even though normal temperature? energy can't escape.

BULL! Energy doesn't have temperature. If a photon gets too energetic it turns this energy into mass. Do you get the feeling something is wrong here? Well, a theory doesn't have to make sense, just sound scientific.

A routine to print a map that wraps in both directions, i.e., go off the map Westward puts you on the eastern edge, northward on the southern edge or vice versa. The map itself is 64x64. We have two variables called Mapcox and Mapcoy (stored at 52396/7) which define what map coordinates (starting with 1,1) is being printed in the upper left corner of the screen. Since this routine also prints the player maps, it uses the variable Player (at 31539). The master map is stored at 32000. Each map requires 4096 bytes of space so player 1's map starts at 36096, etc. We need a special variable called WRAPF (at 52389). The routine is entered at 60475 preceded by PMO which is a routine that finds the correct space in memory to start from.

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60442 120      PMO   LD A,B
          BC=MAPCOX,MAPCOY
60443 61              DEC A
60444 38,0        LD H,0
60446 167         AND A
60447 23          RLA
60448 23          RLA
60449 23          RLA
60450 203,20      RL H
60452 23          RLA
60453 203,20      RL H
60455 23          RLA
60456 203,20      RL H
60458 111         LD L,A
THE RIGHT STARTING POINT OF ANY MAP
NOW FIND OUT WHOS MAP
60459 58,51,123   LD A,(PLAYER)
60462 167         AND A
60463 23          RLA
60464 23          RLA
60465 23          RLA
60466 23          RLA
60467 132         ADD A,H
60468 198,125     ADD A,125
ADD THE OFFSET TO MAP ZERO (MASTER)
60470 103         LD H,A
60471 121         LD A,C
60472 61          DEC A
60473 133         ADD A,L
60474 111         LD L,A
60475 201         RET
60476 237,75,172,204 PMAP LD
BC,(MAPCOY)
60480 205,26,236  CALL PMO
60483 175         XOR A
60484 50,165,204 LD (WRAPF),A

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RESET WRAP FLAG
60487 229         PUSH HL
SAVE HL ADDRESS FOR CALC. ATTR
60488 17,0,64     LD DE,16384
SET DE TO TOP OF SCREEN
60491 6,3         LD B,3
WE ARE GOING TO PRINT ALL 24 LINES OF
THE SCREEN, NOT JUST THE FIRST 21
60493 197        NEXT PUSH BC :SAVE COUNT
60494 14,8        LD C,8 :8 LINES
60496 6,32       NEXT1 LD B,32 :32/LINE
60498 126        NEXT2 LD A,(HL)
GET USER DEFINED CHARACTER
60499 205,119,237 CALL PRUDG
PRUDG CONVERTS THE CHARACTER CODE TO
THE CORRECT SPOT IN THE UDG TABLE AND
PRINTS IT TO THE SCREEN
60502 205,232,236 CALL WRAP
THIS SUBROUTINE DOES THE ACTUAL
DETERMINATION OF WHEN WE ARE AT A SEAM
AND ADJUSTS HL ACCORDINGLY. A=WRAPF,
0=NO WRAP, 255=WRAP
60505 254,255     CP 255
60507 32,8        JR NZ,PM1
60509 213        PUSH DE
SAVE POINT ON SCREEN
60510 17,64,0     LD DE,64
60513 167         AND A
60514 237,82      SBC HL,DE
60516 209        POP DE
60517 35          FM1 INC HL
NOW RESET DE
60518 122         LD A,D
60519 214,8       SUB B
60521 87          LD D,A
60522 19          INC DE
60523 16,229     DJNZ NEXT2
60525 213        PUSH DE
60526 58,165,204 LD A,(WRAPF)
60529 254,0       CP 0
60531 40,5        JR Z,AD-3
AT END OF LINE WE HAVE TO ADD EITHER
96 OR 32 TO HL
60533 17,96,0     LD DE,96
60536 24,3        JR AD
60538 17,32,0     LD DE,32
60541 25          AD ADD HL,DE
60542 58,51,123   LD A,(PLAYER)
60545 167         AND A
60546 23          RLA
60547 23          RLA
60548 23          RLA
60549 23          RLA
60550 198,141     ADD A,141
60552 87          LD D,A
60553 124         LD A,H
60554 186         CP D
60555 32,3        JR NZ,PM2
RESET TO TOP OF MAP
60557 214,16     SUB 16

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60559 103      LD H,A
60560 209      PM2 POP DE
60561 13       DEC C
60562 32,188   JR NZ,NEXT1
ADJUST DE TO NEXT SET OF 8
60564 122      LD A,D
60565 198,7    ADD A,7
60567 87       LD D,A
60568 193      POP BC
60569 16,178   DJNZ NEXT
NOW DO ATTRIBUTES
60571 225      POP HL
60572 17,0,88  LD DE,22528
60575 14,24    LD C,24
60577 6,32     NEXT3 LD B,32
60579 197     NEXT4 PUSH BC
60580 126      LD A,(HL)
60581 205,254,236 CALL FINDAT
THIS ROUTINE CALCULATES BOTH INK AND
PAPER FOR THE CHARACTER AND STORES IT
IN A
60584 18       LD (DE),A
60585 205,232,236 CALL WRAP
60588 254,255  CP 255
60590 32,8     JR NZ,NIX
60592 213      PUSH DE
60593 17,64,0  LD DE,64
60596 167      AND A
60597 237,82   SBC HL,DE
60599 209      POP DE
60600 19       NIX  INC DE
60601 35       INC HL
60602 193      POP BC
60603 16,230   DJNZ NEXT4
60605 213      PUSH DE
60606 58,165,204 LD A,(WRAPF)
60609 254,0    CP 0
60611 40,5     JR Z,A1-3
60613 17,96,0  LD DE,96
60616 24,3     JR A1
60618 17,32,0  LD DE,32
60621 25       A1  ADD HL,DE
60622 58,51,123 LD A,(PLAYER)
60625 167      AND A
60626 23       RLA
60627 23       RLA
60628 23       RLA
60629 23       RLA
60630 198,141  ADD A,141
60632 87       LD D,A
60633 124      LD A,H
60634 186      CP D
60635 32,3     JR NZ, PR3
60637 216,16   SUB 16
60639 103      LD H,A
60640 209      PR3 POP DE
60641 13       DEC C
60642 32,189   JR NZ,NEXT3
60644 201      RET

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60645 125     WRAP LD A,L
60646 254,63  CP 63
NOTE: 63, 127, 191 AND 255 FOR L
INDICATE THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE MAP
60648 40,11   JR Z,CONT
60650 254,127 CP 127
60652 40,7    JR Z,CONT
60654 254,191 CP 191
60656 40,3    JR Z,CONT
60658 254,255 CP 255
60660 192     RET NZ
60661 62,255  CONT LD A,255
60663 50,165,204 LD (WRAPF),A
60666 201     RET

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The Findat routine depends upon how you set the various UDG characters on your map. For Conquest they are:

0 blank, 1 sea, 2 land, 3 mountain, 4 shoal, 5 city, 6-15 units whose color will be yellow; red and white for players 1 to 3 respectively. For cities and units ownership is designated in the top 2 bits.

```

60667 254,0 FINDAT CP 0
60669 32,3     JR NZ,AT1
60671 62,7     LD A,7  P=BK,I=W
60673 201      RET
60674 254,1    AT1 CP 1
60676 32,3     JR NZ,AT2
60678 62,15    LD A,15 P=BL,I=W
60680 201      RET
60681 254,4    AT2 CP 4
60683 48,3     JR NC,AT4
60685 62,32    LD A,32 P=GR,I=BK
60687 201      RET
60688 254,4    AT4 CP 4
60690 32,3     JR NZ,AT5
60692 62,41    LD A,41 P=AQ,I=BL
60694 201      RET
60695 254,5    AT5 CP 5
60697 32,3     JR NZ,C2
60699 62,59    LD A,59 P=W,I=MG
60701 201      RET
60702 254,69   C2 CP 69 PLAYER1?
60704 32,3     JR NZ,C3
60706 62,48    LD A,48 P=BK,I=Y
60708 201      RET
60709 254,133  C3 CP 133 PLAYER2?
60711 32,3     JR NZ,C4
60713 62,16    LD A,16 P=BK,I=R
60715 201      RET
60716 254,197  CP 197 PLAYER3?
60718 32,3     JR NZ,P1
60720 62,56    LD A,56 P=BK,I=W
60721 201      RET

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We are running out of space so we will finish this routine in the next installment.

Brave New World and the Good Old Days

With the Graying of America most of us have a tendency to be on the elderly side and can reminisce about the good old days. Each of us have fond memories of our youth as the mind tends to remember only nice things and wipes out painful ones. Anyone over 40 is out of college about 20 years which puts those days in the pre-home or personnel computer age. If you were an engineer or a scientist you were proficient in operating the slip stick better known as the slide rule. They were our constant companions and almost a symbol of our profession. The electronic calculator was just coming into its own but at \$250 was a bit too pricy for a poor student. For more precision we had the old electrically driven mechanical calculators to grind out multiplication and division--and I do mean grind out. When you got your first job, and everyone was hired in those days, you got yourself a battery operated calculator.

Typewriters were in vogue as well and you were really living high on the hog if you owned an electric one. Erasing a typo so it didn't show was a real art--else it was retype the entire page. No spelling checkers and hence no malaprops. (Mrs. Malaprop was a character in a Restoration Comedy by Sheridan who had a facility for inserting the wrong word in a sentence-- like infinite when infantile was meant. In print, there for their-but not in speaking.) In this sense the good old days were better because our present younger generation seems to have never been trained in good English useage. Its bad when college grads never even heard about a split infinitive much less a dangling participle. Omission of words in sentences and awkward sentence structure is rampant in prominent National professional magazines.

Then of course we have the buzz words of every technology. These are used excessively by individuals who think they are impressing their audiences when in fact they have lost them. We have inactive and active and even super active and reactive so what is

the need for proactive? If we have proactive, is there conactive? What is the difference between an astronaut and a cosmonaut?

Even worse, and NASA is the biggest abuser, is the use of acronyms. I have no objection if the user defines each one the first time it is used thus informing his (the sexually neutral issue is another) reader. But too many make it difficult to comprehend. Take the MQZ and insert it into the TVS which is then given to PVR for SDS means about as much as:

The time has come, the walrus said,
To speak of many things--
Of ships and shoes and sealing wax,
Of ralhages and kings.
Of why the sea is boiling hot,
And weather frogs have wings.

--Lewis Carroll

Through the Looking Glass.

If you really want to make yourself unintelligible use 2 or 3 5 syllable words for every single syllable word. I was appalled to hear that AT&T at one time was actually advised its speakers to raise their obscuration index to the graduate college level in an attitude of "If you can't impress them with your technology, overwealm them with your bullshit."

In the good old days we were polluting all over the place but weren't aware of it. We were also using chemicals that weren't too safe. We are just becoming aware of some of these hazards and more are sure to make an appearance in the future. Of course we have now developed a group of people who make a profit on scare tactics. They banter their select cause to the detriment of everything else and never feel it necessary to present an alternative. Take the nuclear power plant cause. They won't give up the use of electricity and insist that coal burning plants will suffice. Of course, the coal burning plants cause carbon dioxide level increases and a greenhouse effect. Passenger cars are restricted to the nth degree whereas 18 wheelers can spew it out by the ton--if you don't think deisel exhaust is bad for you, get a little too close behind one on an expressway sometime

and open a window. Asbestos is no hazard if you don't go around playing with and banging on it. Yet we have spent billions getting it completely out of public buildings. The next big push is lead paint. Prior to WWII almost all paint contained lead. It also is no hazard unless you turn it into dust and inhale it or eat it. Of course we go around tasting paint wherever we go, don't we?

One of the new fads in the Brave New World is computer modeling. Everything from long range weather to the big bang. Most of these models are based on one simplification stacked on another ad infinitum. The users of these theories feel that they are adequately correct and accurate. In reality, old wives tales could do almost as well. Yet because these models spout the latest technology they gain an aura of superiority and accuracy they don't deserve. Putting too much reliance on these over-simplifications and extrapolations can lead to wrong conclusions. Some of the climate models couldn't predict the effect of a volcanic eruption which spewed millions of tons of sulfur dioxide into the upper atmosphere. The results are also all over the place on the effects of the ozone holes. Prediction of earthquakes is also in its infancy.

But modeling isn't the only area of high tech science in need of more substantiation. In delving into some of the basic principals of modern science I was appalled at the lack of and inaccuracy of some of the data supporting some cherished theories. Some very very simple questions haven't any answers at all. Some of these questions have been around since the 1930's which precedes my college education by a few decades. How much credulency should one place in a theory that can only explain selected events and is far from being universal? Looking at the "other" events would disprove the theory.

If we say that mathematics is a type of science, we have some basic inadequacies that have been around for 2000 years. After all these years we

still can't adequately take the square root of a negative number-- that i , representing the square root of -1 , says it can't be done. Modern representation of complex numbers consisting of a real part on the axis line of real numbers and an imaginary part off this axis is at best quite artificial. The arithmetic operations of complex numbers limits adding and subtracting only the real parts together and the imaginary parts together. Multiplication gives cross terms and division is nigh to being impossible.

Our brave new world is far from being perfect and complete. There are limitations and impossibilities which our latest theories still are not able to solve. A lot of people have spent considerable time and effort through the years trying to get answers to some of these remaining basic problems only to give up in the end and go on to other things that have more promise of success. Some of these old chestnuts are really going to require a whole reworking of some principals and theories be they in a science or in mathematics. There is still a lot of imperfection out there least anyone think otherwise.

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"We used to use them when I was your age ...
it's called a pencil."

ENGINEERS AND SCIENTIST WILL
ALSO REMEMBER THE SLIDE
RULE.

2068 Code Bytes--#6

Correction: In Last month's routine (issue #5) kindly insert the following 3 bytes of code after address 60457 shoving everything else down 3 bytes:

```
60458 23      RLA
60459 203,20   RL H
```

The entry address FOR THE PRINT MAP routine than becomes 60479.

We now finish our routine to print a wrapping world map to the screen. There also were 2 address counting errors as well so the correct addresses are as follows:

```
60726 230,192 P1 AND 192
WE ONLY HAVE UNITS LEFT SO WE CAN WORK
WITH ONLY THE TOP TO OWER BITS.
60728 254,64   CP 64
60730 32,6     JR NZ,P2
60732 205,82,237 CALL PAPER
60735 198,6     ADD A,6 ADD Y
INK
60737 201      RET
60738 254,128 P2 CP 128
60740 32,6     JR NZ,P3
60742 205,82,237 CALL PAPER
60745 198,2     ADD A,2 ADD R
INK
60747 201      RET
60748 205,62,237 P3 CALL PAPER
60751 198,7     ADD A,7
60753 201      RET
```

We want the background color of land or sea to show around the unit.

```
60754 213     PAPER PUSH DE
60755 229     PUSH HL
60756 58,51,123 LD A,(PLAYER)
60759 167     AND A
60760 23      RLA
60761 23      RLA
60762 23      RLA
60763 23      RLA
60764 87      LD D,A
60765 30,0    LD E,0
60767 237,87 SBC HL,DE
60769 126     LD A,(HL)
60770 254,1   CP 1 SEA?
60772 32,4    JR NZ,PA2
60774 62,8    LD A,8
60776 24,10   JR PAOUT
60778 254,4   CP 4 MT?
60780 48,4    JR NC,PA3
60782 62,32   LD A,32 P=G
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60784 24,2    JR PAOUT
60786 62,40   PA3 LD A,40 P=AQ
60788 225     PAOUT POP HL
60789 209     POP DE
60790 201     RET
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60791 197 PRUDG PUSH BC
60792 229     PUSH HL
60793 33,88,255 LD HL,65368
60796 230,15  AND 15
60798 23      RLA
60799 23      RLA
60800 23      RLA
60801 133     ADD A,L
60802 111     LD L,A
60803 6,8     LD B,8
60805 126     UDG LD A,(HL)
60806 18      LD (DE),A
60807 35      INC HL
60808 20      INC D
60809 16,250 DJNZ UDG
60811 225     POP HL
60812 193     POP BC
60813 201     RET
```

This finishes the print a double wrapping map routine. Of course you may want different graphics so may have to write your own attribute routine. You can also have more than 21 UDG's with this routine and can the pixels anywhere you like merely b changing the address at 60793. In fac we will be doing just that when we print the coordinates for the map wit the following routine.

By making the coordinates a separate routine, we can choose to print them or not. In the editor, where we need human help (or chew up a lot more space with code) we don't want the viewer to know where on the map we are. Whereas, in the game coordinates are a definate help. But we don't wan to take too much screen. So we decide to have both numbers of the coordinates take but one character space. Each number is only 3 pixels wide. Using only even numbers makes them easier to read and requires only half as many. As it is, each of 32 coordinate characters is going to require 8 bytes. They will go down the left side and across line 21 (Basic designations).

```
60814 58,173,204 Prcoor LD A,(MAPCOX)
THE STQRAGE PLACE FOR THE UPPER LEFT
COORDINATE OF THE SCREEN
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60817 17,0,64 LD DE,16384
(O,O OF THE SCREEN)
60820 33,62,208 LD HL,COORD
WHERE OO FIRST PIXEL IS STORED
60823 6,12 LD B,12
60825 167 AND A
60826 31 RRA
DIVIDE COORDINATES BY 2
60827 48,16 JR NC,EVEN
60829 60 INC A
SET A TO NEXT HIGHER NUMBER
60830 245 AGAIN PUSH AF
60831 175 XOR A
60832 205,0,238 CALL PRCO
PRINT A BLANK
60835 123 LD A,E
ADJUST DE TO NEXT PRINT POSITION
60836 198,32 LD A,32
60838 95 LD A,E
60839 254,0 CP 0
60841 204,251,237 CALL Z,SEAM
60844 241 POP AF
60845 205,0,238 EVEN CALL PRCO
60848 60 INC A
60849 254,33 CP 33
AT END OF COOR?
60851 32,2 JR NZ,NOTEND
60853 62,1 LD A,1
RESET TO FIRST
60855 245 NOTEND PUSH AF
60856 123 AND A,E
60857 198,32 ADD A,32
60859 95 LD E,A
60860 254,0 CP 0
60862 204,231,237 CALL Z,SEAM
60865 241 POP AF
60866 16,218 DJNZ AGAIN
NOW DO ACROSS THE BOTTOM
60868 17,192,80 LD DE,20672
60871 58,192,204 LD A,(MAPCOY)
GET THE Y COORDINATE
60874 6,16 LD B,16
60876 167 AND A
60877 31 RRA
AGAIN, DIVIDE BY 2
60878 48,8 JR NC,EVEN1
60880 60 INC A
60881 245 AGA PUSH AF
60882 175 XOR A
PRINT A BLANK
60883 205,0,248 CALL PRCO
60886 19 INC DE
ADJUST DE TO NEXT PRINT POSITION
60887 241 POP AF
60888 205,0,238 EVEN1 CALL PRCO
60891 19 INC DE
60892 60 INC A
60893 254,33 CP 33
TIME TO WRAP?
60895 32,2 JR NZ,NOTE

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60897 62,1 LD A,1
60899 16,236 NOTE DJNZ AGA
NOW DO ATTRIBUTES BK INK ON W PAPER
60901 33,0,88 LD HL,ATTRO
50904 62,56 LD A,56
50906 6,22 LD B,22
50908 17,32,0 LD DE,32
50911 110 PC4 LD (HL),A
50912 167 AND A
50913 25 ADD HL,DE
50914 16,251 DJNZ PC4
50916 6,32 LD B,32
50918 119 PC5 LD (HL),A
50919 35 INC HL
50920 16,252 DJNZ PC5
50922 201 RET
50923 122 SEAM LD A,D
50924 198,8 ADD A,B
50926 87 LD D,A
50927 201 RET
50928 229 PRCO PUSH HL
50929 245 PUSH AF
50930 192 PUSH BC
50931 213 PUSH DE
50932 254,32 CP 32
50934 40,24 JR Z,ADH
50936 167 AND A
50937 23 RRA
50938 23 RRA
40939 23 RRA
40940 22,0 LD D,0
40942 95 LD E,A
40943 167 AND A
40944 25 ADD HL,DE
40945 209 POP DE
40946 213 PUSH DE
40947 6,8 X1 LD B,8
40949 126 PRCO1 LD A,(HL)
40950 35 INC HL
40951 20 INC D
40952 16,250 DJNZ PRCO1
40954 209 POP DE
40955 193 POP BC
40956 241 POP AF
40957 225 POP HL
40958 201 RET
40959 36 ADH INC H
40960 24,240 JR X1

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Our map is now complete with coordinates. How about being able to scroll the map in any direction one character at a time? We still have to add a cursor which shouldn't go off screen or across the coordinates which will be the topic of the next issue.

The Future of Science and Mathematics

It was the best of times.
It was the worst of times.

So begins Charles Dickens classic novel about the French Revolution--A Tale of Two Cities. But so also is the case with present day Science and Mathematics. It has never been so good--or so bad.

Science theorist, especially those working in cosmology, have never had more help modeling their mathematical theories than they do at the present time with the coming of age of the personal computer also known as the PC. These PC's whip through calculations and draw pictures with astounding speed far exceeding that possible with the mechanical and electronic calculators one had to use 30 years ago. Back then, one slaved away with these slow monsters doing one addition, subtraction, multiplication or division at a time. Errors in entering data into the machine were the biggest concern of the time. 25 years ago you entered your Fortran program into your mainframe computer with a stack of punched cards and got your answers back on another stack of punched cards or a paper printout. Computers didn't have screens, just blinking lights. You were lucky to have 16k of memory as most only had 8k or less. CPU's were all 8 bit.

Maybe we have too much of a good thing. Now almost anybody can set up a 'theoretical lab' as all one needs is a PC. Then one can grind out article after article from the modeling that you do. You don't even need a secretary anymore as everyone can use the Columbus method of typing--. discover and land.

This is the problem. Even with peer review of articles by experts in the field before they are published, too many are getting through without being fully verified or compared to facts. These articles all too often present their speculations as established facts rather than the probabilities that they really are. One of my pet examples is the red shift of starlight which is interpreted as an expanding

universe. Stars emit a continuous spectrum of light. However, when this light passes through the cooler outer regions of the star, the elements there absorb some of the frequencies resulting in what are known as Fraunhofer black lines on the continuum. Our sun is used as a standard. Starlight from all sources than what is known as the local group have their sets of dark lines shifted to the red or higher wavelengths. This shift has been interpreted as proof that the source and the earth are separating. The shift is now used to determine distance as well. The problem is that using the distance given by the red shift results in at least one source expanding at 10 times the speed of light which is obviously wrong according to the theory of relativity. This leads one to the obvious conclusions that not all the red shift observed can be attributed to the expansion effect. But, note the error. To bring this source into a reasonable rate of expansion means finding other reasons for about 90% of the red shift. This simple but fundamental flaw should be embarrassing to cosmology theorists but it doesn't seem to bother anyone. They prefer to overlook this bit of data as being too mundane to worry about. A lot of other holes in theories and other inabilities are also glossed over.

Similar inabilities exist in other areas of cosmology as well as other scientific theories. Some of this is because of the reduction of all theories to mathematically formulas. Many insisted that these be linear whereas nature generally is not that accommodating. Even our mathematics isn't perfect. The present explanation of the square root of a negative number being 'imaginary' leaves much to be desired. In calculus one has to add an integration constant everytime one does an integration because of 'missing information'. Newton's theories could be applied as a first approximation universally to all things. Einstein's theory of relativity was to fine tune Newton's gravity theory but can no longer be used universally. It tends to ignore facts that disprove it.

Quantum theory mathematics is probabilistic. The theory calculates the end results but can say nothing about how it gets there which to me means the theory is incomplete. This inability in the math allows for some weird explanations. Black holes which are black because they are so massive and have so much gravity that not even light can escape all at once can evaporate when the 3rd law of thermodynamics is applied which implies that evaporation is stronger than gravity--that is ridiculous. The problem is that it is so easy to create black holes that the universe should be over run with them which is not the case so something had to be done to limit the number remaining.

The PC is super enough to allow for modeling but still is limited. Many of the models being promoted at the present time have to be limited in scope and the number of variables used. Many of the weather models could not predict what would happen with a Mt. Pititubo explosion. The same applies to what might happen to a WWII type nuclear war 'winter'. Earthquake models also still are limited in what they can do.

What does all this mean? All theories must be reconciled to facts while models admit their simplifying assumptions. Results of models should be presented as suppositions not facts. Let's not get sloppy with our science.



We continue our discussion of routines from the game Conquest. Up to this point we have discussed in:

1. Game background music
2. Sound effects.
3. General Input routine.
4. General Menu routine.
5. Printing of a double wrapping map.
6. Printing of Graph coordinates.

We continue with a map cursor. Whenever one uses a joystick (or for that matter a mouse) to direct the movement of various units one needs a cursor to indicate the desired direction. We use a capital X for the cursor symbol.

We need to store the screen coordinates of the cursor in two variables called Curx and Cury. The cursor should not run off the map or be allowed to run over the map coordinates which are down the left side and line 22 across the bottom. Therefore, Curx can be from 1 to 31 (in Basic notation) and Cury from 0 to 21.

The input from this routine not only moves the cursor but also must determine when the joystick button has been pushed as well as interpret all the keyboard commands. Since the keyboard is interpreted differently for the game than in map drawing, 2 different print cursor routines are necessary. The simplest of the two is the one for the map editor which is given below and found in Conquest at 61018.

```

61018 62,1 PRCURS   LD A,1
      :INITILIZE CURX AND CURY
61020 50,171,204    LD (CURX),A
61023 50,170,204    LD (CURY),A
61026 205,63,236    CALL PRMAPP
61029 237,75,179,204 PRCUR LD BC,
      (CURY) :THIS IS THE RETURN FOR REPEATS
      OF THE ROUTINE IN CASE THE INPUT WAS
      MERELY A MOVE OF THE CURSOR.
61033 205,240,238   CALL PIXLOC
      :TRANSLATE THE X AND Y INTO THE FIRST
      PIXEL OF THE SCREEN FILE.
61036 235           EX DE,HL
61037 62,88         LD A,"X"
61039 205,18,239    CALL PRCHA
      :PRINT THE CURSOR

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61042 205,255,238 CALL ATTR
 61045 126 LD A,(HL)
 61046 230,248 AND 248
 :SAVE THE PAPER COLOR
 61048 198,7 ADD A,7
 :MAKE THE INK WHITE.
 61050 119 LD (HL),A
 61051 205,184,235 CALL GETINP (SEE
 2068 CODE BYTES #2 FOR THE ROUTINE.)
 61054 203,119 BIT 6,A
 61056 32,39 JR NZ,KEYBOARD
 :A KEY WAS PRESSED.
 61058 203,127 BIT 7,A
 61060 40,5 JR Z,MOVE
 61062 205,130,239 CALL DOIT
 61065 24,218 JR PRCUR
 61067 229 MOVE PUSH HL
 :OLD ATTR ADDR
 61068 213 PUSH DE
 :OLD SCR ADDR
 61069 197 PUSH BC
 :OLD CUR POSN
 61070 205,48,239 CALL INTJOY
 :CHANGE BC TO NEW POSITION OF CURSOR
 61073 237,67,170,204 LD (CURY),BC
 :SAVE NEW COORDINATES OF CURSOR
 61077 193 POP BC
 61078 205,90,239 CALL TRANS
 61081 205,26,236 CALL PMO
 61084 126 LD A,(HL)
 :ERASE OLD CURSOR
 61085 209 POP DE
 :REPRINT OLD POSITION. SEE #5 AND #6
 FOR ROUTINE.
 61086 205,119,237 CALL PRUDG
 61089 126 LD A,(HL)
 61090 205,254,236 CALL FINDAT
 61093 225 POP HL
 61094 119 LD (HL),A
 61095 24,189 JR PRCUR
 61097 254,99 KB CP 99 "c"
 61099 32,5 JR NZ,KBF
 61101 205,167,240 CALL CENCUR
 :IN EDIT MODE, IT CENTERS MAP ON THE
 CURSOR. IN GAME MODE, ON THE UNIT TO
 BE MOVED.
 61104 24,179 JR PRCUR
 61106 254,102 KBF CP 102."f"
 61108 32,5 JR NZ,KBG
 :F,G,T AND V ARE THE 4 SCROLLS
 61110 205,35,238 CALL SCROLL
 61113 24,170 JR PRCUR
 61115 254,103 KBG CP 103 "g"
 61117 32,5 JR NZ,KBI
 61119 205,53,238 CALL SCROLLR
 61122 24,161 JR PRCUR
 61124 254,105 KBI CP 105 "i"
 61126 32,5 JR NZ,KBM
 61128 205,244,246 CALL IDENTIFY
 61131 24,152 JR PRCUR

61133 254,109 KBM CP 109 "m"
 61135 200 RET Z
 :M AND Q RETURN
 61136 254,113 CP 113 "q"
 61138 200 RET Z
 61139 254,116 CP 116 "t"
 61141 32,5 JR NZ,KBV
 61143 205,78,238 CALL SCROLLU
 61146 24,137 JR PRCUR
 61148 254,118 KBV CP 118 "v"
 61150 32,5 JR NZ,KBA
 61152 205,63,238 CALL SCROLLD
 61155 24,128 JR PRCUR
 61157 254,97 KBA CP 97 "a"
 61159 194,101,238 JP PRCUR
 :IF MORE KEYS NEED TO BE READ THEY
 WOULD BE INSERTED HERE.
 61162 205,120,240 CALL WORLD
 61165 195,101,238 JP PRCUR
 :BC = COORDINATES FOR PIXLOC & ATTR
 61168 120 PIXLOC LD A,B
 61169 230,248 AND 248
 61171 198,64 ADD A,64
 61173 103 LD H,A
 61174 120 LD A,B
 61175 230,7 AND 7
 61177 15 RRCA
 61178 15 RRCA
 61179 15 RRCA
 61180 129 ADD A,C
 61181 111 LD L,A
 :HL NOW SCREEN FILE ADDRESS OF BC
 COORDINATES.
 61182 201 RET
 61183 120 ATTR LD A,B
 61184 203,47 SRA A
 61186 203,47 SRA A
 61188 203,47 SRA A
 61190 198,88 ADD A,88
 61192 103 LD H,A
 61193 120 LD A,B
 61194 230,7 AND 7
 61196 15 RRCA
 61197 15 RRCA
 61198 15 RRCA
 61199 129 ADD A,C
 61200 111 LD L,A
 :HL NOW ATTR ADDR OF BC
 61201 201 RET
 :DE = SCREEN POSN
 :A = CHARACTER NUMBER
 61202 197 PRACHA PUSH BC
 61203 229 PUSH HL
 61204 213 PUSH DE
 61205 38,0 LD H,0
 61207 167 AND A
 61208 23 RLA

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61209 23      RLA
61210 203,20  RL H
61212 23      RLA
61213 203,20  RL H
61215 111     LD L,A
61216 124     LD A,H
61217 198,60  ADD A,60
61219 103     LD H,A
:HL NOW AT PIXELS FOR CHARACTER
61220 6,8     LD B,8
61222 126     PRC LD A,(HL)
61223 18      LD (DE),A
61224 35      INC HL
61225 20      INC D
61226 16,250  DJNZ PRC
61228 209     POP DE
61229 225     POP HL
61230 193     POP BC
61231 201     RET

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: A = REVERSED BITS FROM JOYSTICK

BIT 3= R, -2=L, 1=D, 0=U

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61232 203,71 INTJOY BIT 0,A
61234 40,1     JR Z, IJ1
61236 5        DEC B
61237 203,79  IJ1 BIT 1,A
61239 40,1     JR Z,IJ2
61241 4        INC B
61242 203,87  IJ2 BIT 2,A
61244 40,1     JR Z,IJ3
61246 13      DEC C
61247 203,95  IJ3 BIT 3,A
61249 40,1     JR Z,IJ4
61251 12      INC C

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:NOW CHECK BC TO MAKE SURE NOT OFF SCREEN AS DISCUSSED ABOVE..

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61252 120     IJ4 LD A,B
61253 254,255 CP 255
61255 32,1    JR NZ,IJ5
61257 5       INC B
61258 254,22  IJ5 CP 22
61260 32,1    JR NZ,IJ6
61262 4       DEC B
61263 121     IJ6 LD A,C
61264 254,0   CP 0
61266 32,1    JR NZ,IJ7
61268 12      INC C
61269 254,32  IJ7 CP 32
61271 192     RET NZ
61272 13      DEC C
61273 201     RET

```

: BC = CURSOR COORDINATES.

THIS ROUTINE CONVERTS THE CURSOR COORDINATES INTO THE MAP COORDINATES DEPENDING UPON WHAT IS BEING SHOWN ON THE SCREEN

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61274 58,172,204 TRANS LD A,(MAPCOY)
61277 129     ADD A,C
61278 254,65  CP 65

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61280 56,2    JR C,TR
61282 214,64  SUB 64
61284 79      TR LD C,A
61285 58,173,204 LD A,(MAPCOX)
61288 128     ADD A,B
61289 254,65  CP 65
61291 56,2    JR C, TR1
61293 214,64  SUB 64
61295 71      LD B,A
:BC NOW IN MAPCOORDINATES
61296 201     RET

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61297 205,90,239 PUTX CALL TRANS
61300 205,26,236 CALL PMO
61303 58,26,236 LD A,(DO)
61306 205,7,241 CALL SETST
61309 216     RET C
61310 119     LD (HL),A
61311 195,63,236 JP PRMAPP

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:THE VARIABLE DO MUST BE SET BEFORE CALLING THIS ROUTINE

:1= PUT SEA, 2= PUT LAND, 3= PUT MOUNTAIN, 4= PUT SHOAL, 5= PUT CITY, 6=BLOTCH SEA, 7= BLOTCH LAND, 8= GROW SEA, 9= GROW LAND

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61314 58,164,204 DOIT LD A,(DO)
61317 254,0   CP 0
61319 200     RET Z
61320 17,158,239 LD DE,TABLE
61323 254,6   CP 6
61325 56,9    JR C,D1
61327 214,5   SUB 5
61329 38,0    LD H,0
61331 167     AND A
61332 23      RLA
61333 111     LD L,A
61334 25      ADD HL,DE
61335 235     D1 EX DE,HL
61336 26      LD A,(DE)
61337 111     LD L,A
61338 19      INC DE
61339 26      LD A,(DE)
61340 103     LD H,A
61341 233     JP (HL)

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I have always wanted to do a JP (HL) and here it is. It works great for lists.

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61342 113,239 TABLE PUTX
61344 168,239 BLOTCH
61346 168,239 BLOTCH
61348 218,240 GROW
61350 218,240 GROW

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We already are 1 column over our normal limit of 4, so will finish the routine with the scrolls next issue.

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